the Secretary to Government at 5 p.m. today. The following is the list of valid nominations for the election of members to the Irrigation Board to be held this evening.—

1.	Mr. PUTHUR ACHYUTA MENON ..	Proposed by Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar Seconded by Mr. C. K. S. Moni
2.	Mr. K. S. PANICKER ..	Proposed by Mr. K. R. Viswambharan Seconded by Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar
3.	Mr. C. N. ITTIRAVI NAMBUDIRI ..	Proposed by Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar Seconded by Mr. K. Ashtamurthi Nambudiripad
4.	Mr. V. J. MATHAI ..	Proposed by Mr. A. V. Moothedan Seconded by Mr. M. Nanu Menon
5.	Mr. C. K. S. MONI ..	Proposed by Mr. K. M. Ibrahim Seconded by Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon
6.	Mr. E. IKKANDA WARRIAR..	Proposed by Mr. N. Govinda Pai Seconded by Mr. C. V. Iyyu
7.	Mr. K. KOCHUKUNHAN KAIMAL ..	Proposed by Mr. C. R. Iyyunni Seconded by Mr. A. B. Salem

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS—GOVERNMENT BILL

The Cochin Irrigation Act (Amendment) Bill

Rao Sahib K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* Sir, I move that the Cochin Irrigation Act (Amendment) Bill be taken up and finally passed.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* I second it.

Motion put and carried

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 15—*(cont.)*

Erection of a Permanent Government Building to accommodate M. L. C.'s during their stay at Ernakulam

Mr. President: Now we will continue discussion of resolution No. 15. I may in this connection make a statement with regard to this. Our difficulty is this. It is not possible to take up this building work in the course of this war, because of the increase in the cost of building materials and the necessity for confining capital expenditure to works necessary consequent on the war such as

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A. R. P. works necessary for giving assistance to the poorer sections of the population by providing employment to them and increasing the general prosperity of the State. But Government will certainly be prepared to consider this question again as soon as the war comes to an end. In view of this assurance I do not know whether the mover will be prepared to consider the question of withdrawing the resolution.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Sir, in view of the assurance, I beg leave of the House to withdraw my resolution.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Pazhayannur):* But why not you accept the resolution with that reservation?

Mr. President: My statement was that as soon as the war is over the question of making suitable provision for quarters for the Members of the Legislative Council coming from outside this locality will be taken up by Government.

Resolution by leave withdrawn

RESOLUTION No. 16

Passing into law the Cochin Verumpattam Tenants' Bill

"This Council recommends to the Government that the Cochin Verumpattam Tenants' Bill which was once introduced by the Government in this Council and which afterwards never came up for consideration, should be immediately taken up for consideration and passed into law with necessary changes so as to protect the vast majority of the poor and actual tillers of the soil from rackrenting and insecurity of tenure."

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon *(Kattur):* Sir, in view of the recent Proclamation, VI of 1117, I am not moving this resolution at this stage.

Resolution not moved

RESOLUTION No. 17

Minimising the franchise qualifications

"This Council recommends to the Government to so minimise the qualifications for voting in the elections to the Legislative Council as to bring it on a par with the system obtaining in British Malabar."

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Sir, in view of the war situation, I am not moving it at present.

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